

The FCC is allowing conservatives to abuse the trust we all have in the public airways. It is not doing its job. It is supposed to be a neutral governmental agency, but is biased to allow conservative organizations to misuse public airwaves. It has been corrupted by this bias.

For instance, Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is an example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others. During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.